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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An RFID device, comprising:

(a) an interrogation source for obtaining information from an RFID element associated with an item;

(b) an indicator for indicating information regarding one or both of (i) a class of materials to which the item belongs, and (ii) a desired location for that item.

2. (Original) The RFID device of claim 1, wherein the indicator provides at least one of an audible and a visual indication.

3. (Original) The RFID device of claim 1, wherein the device is portable and adapted for carriage and hands-free use by a person.

4. (Original) The RFID device of claim 1, wherein the information of step (b) is obtained from memory within the RFID device.

5. (Original) The RFID device of claim 1, wherein the information of step (b) is obtained from memory separate from the RFID device by upload.

6. (Original) The RFID device of claim 1, wherein the information of step (b) is obtained from the tag on the item.

7-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) A method of using an RFID device, comprising the steps of:

(a) interrogating an item having an RFID element associated therewith;

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- (b) inputting information to the device to describe a location;
- (c) determining whether the interrogated item belongs at the location; and
- (d) providing an appropriate signal.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the location has a separate RFID element, and step (b) comprises scanning the RFID element associated with that location.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the item is a library material, and the location is a library storage location.

23. (Previously Presented) A method of using a handheld RFID device for reading information from an RFID element, comprising the steps of interrogating the RFID tags associated with each of a group of items, detecting where within the group of items a desired item should be placed, and providing an indication to the user of that location.

24-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) A method of using an RFID device for identifying and locating items having an RFID element associated therewith, comprising:

- (a) providing information to the RFID device identifying a location;
 - (b) interrogating the items with the RFID device to determine the identity of the items;
- and
- (c) associating the items with the location.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the location has a separate RFID element, and wherein step (a) comprises interrogating an RFID element associated with a the location.

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28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the method further includes the step of arranging and interrogating the items in a series, so that the RFID device can determine the location of one item with respect to other items.

29. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the items are library materials

30. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the location is a cart.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein step (b) comprises the passing the cart through a tunnel.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein step (c) comprises passing the RFID device into or through the cart.

33. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the location includes a shelf having an antenna associated therewith.

34. (Original) The method of claim 26, further including the step of:

(d) displaying the items and their respective locations.

35. (Original) The method of claim 26, further including the step of:

(d) downloading the information in step (c) to a computer.

36-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) A method of locating an item of interest associated with an RFID element among a larger group of items each associated with an RFID element, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a card having an RFID element;

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- (b) transmitting information related to an item of interest to the card and storing that information in the RFID element;
- (c) positioning RFID card readers at positions near the item of interest;
- (d) interrogating the RFID card with the RFID card reader; and
- (e) providing an indication of the location of the item of interest relative to the location of the RFID card reader.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein step (e) comprises providing a visual display of the location of the item of interest.

42. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the visual display comprises a map of the area including the item of interest.

43. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the item of interest is a library material, and the larger group of items comprise other library materials.

44-50. (Cancelled)